

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 678

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to recognize Keenan Reynolds as the 2015  
*Tennessean* Sports Person of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those successful athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Keenan Reynolds, who is the 2015  
*Tennessean* Sports Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a native of Madison, Mr. Reynolds graduated from Goodpasture Christian High School as a standout athlete and played four seasons as quarterback for the United States Naval Academy (USNA). Throughout his college career he received national attention for breaking numerous Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) records; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his college career, Mr. Reynolds led the Midshipmen to a record of 31-13, compiling the most wins in USNA history for a quarterback. In Service Academy games, he helped Navy attain a 7-1 record and became the first quarterback in the history of the Army-Navy game to achieve a 4-0 record; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds broke FBS records for the most career rushing yards by a quarterback, the most total touchdowns, and the most consecutive games scoring three or more touchdowns within a game. He also became the first player in FBS history to score thirty-three or more rushing touchdowns in a season three different times and scored the most career rushing touchdowns in Division I history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds also achieved the most passing touchdowns, lowest interception percentage, most all-purpose yards, and the most career 100-yard rushing games in USNA football history; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Reynolds has garnered a number of honors throughout his career, including the Roger Staubach Award, which is presented to the Navy varsity football player who demonstrates consistent, outstanding leadership in contributing to the team's success during the season, and the Napoleon McCullum Award, which is presented to the Navy varsity football player of the graduating class who gained the most all-purpose yards in his career; and

WHEREAS, he is also the first player in the school's history to win the E.E. "Rip" Miller Award four years in a row; the award is presented to the season's most valuable player as voted on by his teammates; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding college football career, Mr. Reynolds was named a Third-Team All-American by the Associated Press, finished fifth in the 2016 Heisman Trophy voting, and became the fourth player in the history of USNA football to have his jersey retired; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to acknowledge the *Tennessean* Sports Person of the Year honor that has been bestowed upon Keenan Reynolds, declaring his accomplishments as a football player to be exceptional, and finding him fully worthy of this highly coveted award; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Keenan Reynolds upon being named the 2015 *Tennessean* Sports Person of the Year and extend our best wishes for his every future happiness and success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.